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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

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SUBJECT: MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN ASSA

1. RABBI HERTZBERG, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, CALLED ME YESTERDAY TO TELL ME THAT MR. AND MRS. BENJAMIN ASSA, MEXICAN CITIZENS, WILL BE IN DAMASCUS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THEY ARE THE SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF RABBI MINFAKH.
2. HERTZBERG ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CALL ON YOU BRIEFLY, SINCE THERE IS APPARENTLY NO MEXICAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS, SIMPLY TO REASSURE THEMSELVES THAT IT IS SAFE FOR THEM TO REMAIN IN DAMASCUS FOR A SHORT VISIT.
3. I TOLD HERTZBERG I WOULD PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOU. IF YOU PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD GIVE MR. AND MRS. ASSA A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME SHOULD THEY REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE YOU. KISSINGER

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